



March 7, 2022

Good morning Senator Haskell, Representative Lemar, Senator Cassano, Representative Simms, Senator Somers, Representative Carney, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

As Executive Director of the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA), I am writing to express my strong support for Raised House Bill No. 5259 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ROUTE. As you know, the Authority has recommended legislative revisions requested by the Connecticut Pilot Commission (CPC) to Chapter 263, Section 15-13 of the Connecticut General Statutes in 2020 and in 2021. We are pleased to see the recommendation of the CPC advanced through House Bill No. 5259 to permit Connecticut-licensed Pilots to utilize experience obtained while piloting under the authority of a federal pilotage endorsement to qualify for an extension-of-route. Current law requires pilots to serve as an observing pilot under the supervision of a Connecticut-licensed pilot to obtain an extension-of-route, even though this experience is not required for initial licensure.

The Connecticut Port Authority enthusiastically supports this critical legislation and I look forward to working with the Transportation Committee to advance the interests of Connecticut's maritime economy. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JH", with a small star at the end of the stroke.

John H. Henshaw

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